

Scouting Postal Usages of the 1930s

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This Special Studies exhibit present chronologically postal usages of Scouting related postal elements produced during the 1930s. This includes:

- Commemorative and Semi Postal Stamps - all 14 stamp issues of the 1930s are included
- Postal Stationery - all 4 items from reference 1 are included.
- Slogan and Pictorial Cancellations - used reference 2 as a checklist, some cancels are not shown, e.g. 1930 Algeria, one on piece known; 1935 USS Lexington, one cover known; 1936 China, catalog image is the only knowledge I have.
- Commemorative Meters - lists of older meters are premature at best, Scouting meters were not sought after or saved on entires. I have shown a sampling of what will require significant future research and acquisition.
- Registration labels and handstamps - no known list has been compiled, I am showing all that I know to exist
- Perfins (Scout perfin on any stamp) - One Scout perfin on UK definitive used on cover. Only Scout perfin known.
- Perfins (Any perfin on Scout stamp) - Commercial perfin on 1937 World Jamboree Scout stamp. There are many Dutch commercial perfins on this set of stamps

Exhibit Challenges: Besides the difficulty of acquisition of many of these rare items, the particular challenge of this exhibit is to determine completeness. Although stamp and cancel documentation exists, the extent of meter usage and existence of registration handstamps or labels is just being established. We become inadvertent researchers in the fields we collect

Exhibit History: Previously exhibited at BALPEX '95 in six frames and at OKPEX '98 in seven frames receiving a Vermeil at both. Previously titled "Scouting Postal History of the 1930s" which drew criticism as the exhibit was not a "Postal History" exhibit.

Ten years have been spent acquiring postal history significant enough to warrant this re-showing. Items not seen before include: UK Darlington Scout cancel (Britain's Scarcest Cancellation, ref. 3); 1932 Shanghai Boy Scout Temporary delivery service; fraudulent use of stamp issue announcement cutouts in Hungary; UK British Scout Association perfin on stamp used commercially by Lady Baden-Powell; London Imperial Headquarters meter; and incoming 1933 Jamboree telegram.

Selections have been made for this exhibit to show the wide selection of Scout philatelic elements, demonstrating a large variety of postal usages, classes of service and auxiliary markings:

Air mail	First day covers	Perfin usage	Sea mail
Balloon mail	Free Post	Pneumatic post	Special event covers
Catapult mail	Insured mail	Postage due mail	Special flight mail
Censored mail	Money order	Post & Postal Card	Wrappers
Crash cover	Mourning cover	Printed matter	Zeppelin mail
Disposed of mail	Official Mail	Registered	
Express	Pacquebot	Reply cards	
Forwarding	Penalty mail	Rocket post	

Also included are a couple of cacheted items which document unusually scarce camps/events or that Scouts were compelled to resort to because their postal services had not as yet prepared anything postal.

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 - e. *Pfadfinder Sonderstempel und Freistempel Katalog Asia Region*,
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The 1998 version of this exhibit was one of the first, if not the first, to be completely hosted on the web in September, 1998 at <http://www.sossi.org/exhibits/1930/1930f1p01.htm>